

## ROBBER CAUGHT

ONE OF THE GANG THAT ROBBED  
A STORE AT BAMBERG.Frank Bennett, Confessedly One of  
the Gang, Captured After Fight at  
Denmark.

A dispatch from Bamberg to the Augusta Chronicle says what has in it the possibility of much development of a series of crimes and robberies has been discovered there by the capture of Frank Bennett, confessedly one of the gang of five which entered the mercantile establishment of H. J. Brabham, Jr., on Wednesday night and carried off perhaps three or four hundred dollars worth of goods, consisting of shoes, clothing, etc.

Bennett was captured by a posse right at Denmark Thursday night after a chase lasting several hours. Parties from Bamberg have been constantly on the go ever since the robbery was discovered and have been following up every clue obtainable. The gang of five was seen in old Denmark Thursday night about dusk and were discovered with a large part of the stolen goods. Three sacks of shoes have been recovered. Dan Jeter has been chased, but without success. Rumors are constantly coming in, but not many amounting to anything. Thursday night when the robbers were reported from Denmark they were pursued, but only Frank Bennett captured. He has given the name of the gang as follows: Jim Williams, Dan Jeter, Jr., Henry and Levi Hanes and himself.

It is possible that the party which has been operating so extensively in this section for the past six months has been discovered. It is even likely that this same gang might have had a hand in the wrecking of the fast passenger train near Denmark about two months ago.

Certain it is that this crowd has been to Bamberg before, for Bennett was found with a revolver which has been identified as the one stolen from the repair shop of J. B. Brickle several weeks ago.

In the chase Thursday night shots were fired several times, and it is reported by some that the negroes returned the fire at one time. A reward of \$75 has been offered for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties. Strict watch is being kept at every turn for the thieves and it is felt here that it is only a matter of time before several others of the gang will be caught.

## KILLED ON RAILROAD.

Negroes Meet Death Within Few  
Miles of Each Other.

There were two negro men killed on the Southern railway near Bamberg within a radius of six miles within 24 hours. One appears to have been the result of stealing a ride on the roads, while the other seems to have been a case of suicide.

The first to occur was the case above Denmark, and an unknown negro man was the victim. From what can be learned this man was seen passing Lees and is said to have appeared very morbid, saying that he was going from his home in Blackville, where he had recently lost his wife. When the body was found it was seen that the man had made deliberate plans for suicide; he had made a bed of Chinaberry leaves and limbs between the cross ties, placing his head on the rail. The car wheel struck diagonally across his face, and cut off part of his elbow which was across the rail seemingly holding the head on one side. There was nothing about his clothing by which he could be identified.

The other death occurred just about two and a half miles above Bamberg, near the home of Mr. J. H. Hadwin. Judging from the many bruises about the body and from the manner in which he was cut by the train wheels, the man was riding on the rods of a freight train and perhaps fell asleep or lost his balance in some way. There was an envelope found in the clothing addressed to William Dagg. It is thought that this negro came from Branchville, where his mother is said to be living.

## Country Graveyards.

Our Southern cities have recently been celebrating Memorial Day, but what has been done for the ten thousand country burying-grounds we have in the South? asks the Raleigh Progressive Farmer. Most of these are about the most desolate-looking places to be found in this country, and their unkempt and neglected condition adds new terrors to death. If a few hardy vines and flowering plants, with perhaps some shrubbery and hedge growth, could be planted about them, little further attention would be required and the graveyards would become places of beauty and pride instead of ugliness and neglect as at present.

## The Farmers' Union.

The Farmers' Union is an agricultural school at your door; it's open to every farmer, as well as his wife, daughter and sons. Many a farmer who knows very well how to raise crops has not mastered the business of selling. This the Union helps him do. There should be more sympathy between the man who farms on a large scale and the man who operates but a small farm. Both must sell in the same market, and both should help to fix the price of their product. The farmer who works with his brains doubles the earnings of his hands.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Held Their Second Quarterly Meeting  
Yesterday.

Yesterday morning the second quarterly meeting of this year of the township commissioners and supervisor was held in the offices of Messrs. Brantley and Zeigler. The attendance at the meeting was good. Almost the whole day was taken up with the disposition of claims, but toward the afternoon other matters were brought to the attention of the board to be acted upon.

The first matter taken up was as to the building a bridge over the South Edisto river at a point where the proposed road from Springfield to Williston crosses it. Mr. Jas. H. Fanning appeared before the board and told of the good that would be derived from a bridge thus placed to the Springfield section of the county. He stated that the probable cost would be about \$2,000. Rev. Benson and Mr. W. C. Wolfe also spoke to the board on this matter. It was finally put to a vote, which resulted in favor of the bridge being built.

The next business brought to the attention of the board was the re-election of the cotton weighers at Orangeburg. The board at once re-elected the same weighers by acclamation.

The next was the election of a cotton weigher for the town of Vance. There were only two applications for this place and the result was that Mr. J. A. Murray was elected.

A motion was made by a member of the board that help be extended to an old confederate veteran in order that he might have an operation performed on his eyes, so as to restore his sight. The amount asked for was \$15, and this was granted.

A blind man appeared before the board and asked that body for help so as he could provide proper attention for his wife, who was a nervous brakedown. The board told him it was not in their power to help him as the statute only allowed them to help Confederate veterans or widows of Confederate veterans, but offered to take her in at the poor house.

Mr. J. M. Bransford next appeared before the board in behalf of the Moutrie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, who wished a spot in the north-west corner of the court house square on which they wished to erect a monument to the Revolutionary heroes. They also wished to be permitted to mount the cannon which now forms a corner of the triangle on the square and place this on the court house green. And also to be allowed to erect a tablet in the Court House bearing the names of the Revolutionary soldiers from this county. The resolution was passed with the provision that the Eutaw chapter be asked to co-operate in the erection of the monument.

Mr. Z. E. Gramling appeared and asked that the board either make an appropriation to help toward the rebuilding of the cotton yard in this city or to rebuild it themselves under an amendment to the law which provided that should the commissioners build the platform they should receive one cent from each bale weighed. This matter the board left to Supervisor Pelder to settle.

The board accepted the report of the committee appointed in the matter of opening up the Bowman and Cameron road. Hon. Samuel Dibble offered the report of the committee. This was all the business which had been concluded up to the hour of going to press. Our next issue will contain the full proceedings.

## AT MAYOR'S COURT.

Several Cases Tried on Saturday  
and Monday.

On Saturday morning Ellen Fritz was tried for throwing bricks, in particular, and keeping the neighbors worried in general. When the policeman reached her home he found bricks piled up on the floor, and everything in readiness to undergo a siege. Maria Pauling declared Ellen Fritz had thrown bricks at her for no cause whatever, and another neighbor testified that she had filled up the well with trash. Ellen Fritz declared she worked all day and didn't bother them. She declared "when I talk, they dare me to talk, but I does talk, and I talks if they kills me. I cook my victuals like a poor dog and eats them." But on Sunday morning she goes out and quarrels with them "like a preacher." The Mayor gave her \$4 or ten days and advised her to kiss them all.

On Monday morning Amanda Miller and May Blake, two maids of "Baltimore," were tried, charged with fighting and cursing. Amanda Miller received \$5 or twelve days, and the charge against the other was dismissed.

Walter Williams was arrested early Sunday morning sleeping on the streets. It was found that Walter was something of a sleeper, as he was always dropping asleep. He was discharged with instructions to sleep elsewhere than the streets.

Abbot Jamison, charged with fighting, was not in court, and his bail of \$2 was appropriated.

Julius, alias B. Wilson, case continued from June 19, \$3 bail forfeited.

## May Have Street Cars.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Florence Saturday night the question of a franchise for a street car railway was taken up and discussed. The franchise is for 50 years. The draft of franchise was referred to committee on ordinances. The question of street cars for Florence has been agitated for some time, and the prospects are now bright for the city to have a system.

## AN OLD CONFED

WAY OUT IN OKLAHOMA SENDS  
GREETINGS TO HISSurviving Comrades of the Confed-  
erate Army Wherever They May  
Be Found.Headquarters Joe Shelby Camp, No.  
975, U. C. V., Geo. G. Buchanan,  
Commander.

Chickasha, Okla., June 20, 1909.

Greeting to my old comrades, where-  
ever they may be:

The fast-fleeing days of the year 1909 still retain you as the happy recipient of this earthly habitation. You have been kept in sweet remembrance of an allwise Creator, and today this beautiful Sabbath morning has found you in the loving embrace of all that is pure and good. The open hand of luxury is pointing the finger of consolation. The oil of joy is still pouring out to the toiling millions of your land and country. The sweet fragrance of God's loving kindness has brought melody to all nations and prefixed its greatness in earth's remotest bounds. The guidance of heaven's own sweet enchantments has been your guiding star through all the years gone by. Your sorrows have been turned to joy. The great touch of sympathy has been as bread cast upon the waters. The mighty hand of kindness has been extended to you until today this day of greeting has come with the rushing tide of the fondest hopes of an everlasting future—all blended with the profoundest gratitude to God and charms of peace and good will to all men.

We should teach a lesson to all the world in every fabric of our nature, where the deeds of charity shall be the watchword that shall light our pathway on to that final destiny from whence no traveler ever returns. Yes, my dear comrades, the outstretched hand of a kind and loving Providence has staid your sorrows and turned them into joy and gladness. The fragrance of time's purest flowers will enbalm the whole world with the sweetest notes of fruition. Today, with the passing years and events of sorrows entangled with gladness, you are the men of a nation's born fighters. The bond of brotherhood which unites all true Southerners into and through the ties of blood, a sacred sentiment and hallowed memories, is in a great measure the stronghold of a nation's life.

And to you, my comrades, is the onward march toward your setting sun—the fifth decade whose close will mark a half century since were hushed the roar and din of battle in which you were engaged in behalf of a cause most sacred. It is impossible to efface from your youthful minds the recollections of those days of carnage and the supremacy of a nation's pride. Today we rejoice to know that the civilized soldier recognizes the old Confederate soldier the greatest of all human effort and one who represents everything to further the interest and achievement of a great people.

At no period of the world's history have the tradition of men been more cherished and revered than are those of the men who wore the gray. Fortitude, fidelity, forbearance, bravery and long-suffering was the very keynote of the whole make-up of the brave boys who marched to the sweet notes of "Dixie."

And, my dear comrades, while so many have obeyed the final command and are known to us no more, they have only gone ahead, following their standard bearers.

On fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread;  
Angels guard the sentry round  
The bivouac of the dead.

The growling guns of war are still,  
The foes have gone afar,  
The flag that floated proudly on the hill  
Has called you back to a single star.

By old Potomac's rushing tide  
Their bayonets gleam no more.  
Far o'er the bounding waters wide  
God is calling to the other shore.

They hear from out that sunlit land  
Beyond these clouds that gather  
The happy sound from God's own hand  
Calling brother to brother.

In all that heroic throng,  
Shall wear a semblance grander;  
Bedecked with fresher wreaths of song  
Than any earthly commander.

They sleep the sleep of the brave,  
While we drop a tear not forgot;  
With flowers we bedeck their graves;  
Let them rest and disturb them not.

Garlands with fragrance yet untold,  
Birds of every wing and hue  
Gayly amid the flowers sweetly sing  
To the boys that were brave and true.

Voice one song for the stranger living,  
One voice from God's own hand,  
To the home of that far away  
To the boys in that distant land.

There no tyrants band to bind,  
No fettered powers shall be;  
But a home of fond endearment far away  
For the boys that followed Jackson and Lee.

From every hilltop of this fair land,  
From valley, mountain and glade,  
From east to west God is calling  
To come to that refreshing shade.

Yes, my dear comrades, we wel-

## RALLY MEETING

HELD AT FOUR HOLES CHURCH  
A BIG SUCCESS.Speeches Made by Many Prominent  
Men—Letters of Regret From Sen-  
ator Tillman and Hon. F. Weston.

On Saturday the second of the series of Rally Meetings being held by the Farmers' Union of this county, was held at Four Holes Church. A number of prominent speakers were present and addressed the large crowd that had gathered to enjoy the day.

The object of these meetings are to bring the farmers in closer touch with the Farmers' Union and to add new names to the membership roll. The Union operates a business bureau in connection with its regular social feature and by using this business bureau farmers can save a great deal by buying their fertilizers, etc., through this agency.

Capt. J. H. Claffy presided over the meeting and introduced the following speakers, all of whom made good talks along the lines of organization, diversification and co-operation: Hon. A. F. Lever, Mr. T. P. Harger, Dr. W. W. Ray and Dr. S. J. Summers.

Hon. A. F. Lever was the first speaker and he was followed by Mr. T. P. Harger. Both of these gentlemen gave good talks, filled with many suggestions of value to all who heard them.

After these speakers had finished dinner was announced. And oh, what a dinner! There was nothing that one could think of but what was on that table. And such a quantity of it, too. It was estimated that the crowd present numbered about fifteen hundred and when all had finished there was enough left over to feed them again.

After dinner Capt. Claffy introduced Dr. W. W. Ray and Dr. S. J. Summers, both of whom made good talks. Capt. Claffy also read letters of regret from Senators Smith and Tillman, and Mr. Archer, of Spartanburg, who had been invited to attend, but were unable to be there.

The next of these Rally Meetings will be held on Thursday, August 12, at Culler's Mill. The public is cordially invited to be present. Now don't forget the date, all of you good farmers—Thursday, August 12—and assemble there in great numbers, and it can be assured, without any exaggerating, that you will, in ages to come, number this occasion as one of the most pleasant of your life. It is at these meetings, or picnics, rather, that you learn one another, become closer allied with those of your own calling, and it will be but a very short time when you will be reaping the good things that are bound to result from co-operation.

## An Enjoyable Evening.

At the residence of Mrs. R. M. Lightfoot on Middleton street, Miss Minnie Lightfoot celebrated her sixteenth birthday last Friday night. The house was prettily decorated in honor of the occasion and everything was done to ensure the guests a pleasant time. As the guests assembled punch was served by Mrs. J. M. Stalvey. Several games were enjoyed, which were followed by delicious refreshments. Those who enjoyed the evening were: Misses Merle Smoak, Grace Miller of Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Lois Dukes, Emily Glaze, Marie Arant, Annie Inabinet, Lucile Melton, Maud Ayers, Grace Lightfoot, Rebie Ortogus, Pansy Smoak, Justina Wylding and Marita Randall of Sumter. Messrs. Henry Sims, William Smith, Archie Schifley, Willie Marchant, Willie Bates, Newton Brunson, Cecil Howell, Ernest Glover, Robert Smith, Hugh Sease, Hydrick Smoak of Cordova, Martius Smith of Florence.

## Fifty-nine in Jail.

June seems to be a good month for jail business in Aiken county. During the past month the Aiken Jail handled fifty-nine prisoners, the highest number in several years, and perhaps the largest number in the history of the county. The record all month had a parallel in September, 1908, when there were 58 prisoners.

come the name of the Confederate soldier. We bow to the honored remnants of the greatest army that the world has ever known. We would marvel that such men could ever have been vanquished if we did not know that they were finally overpowered by the vast preponderance of numbers and resources. It must be admitted that the South made a gallant fight.

We doff our hat in the fullest faith that posterity will honor and perpetrate the story of a just and heroic struggle. While our hearts are beating weaker and our steps are slower and feebler, yet every throbbing is a conscious memory of a just and righteous cause.

My comrades, how we should reverence the name of our heroes—God bless every one of them. When they have all gone to their last camping ground there will never be another Confederate soldier. God may never bless and replenish the earth with another such class of men. They were first in war, first in peace, first to build up a nation, first to have made as true citizens as they made soldiers. When the curtain of time shall fall and the roll of soldiers be called the name Confederate Soldier will stand out boldly in raised letters of gold.

GEO. G. BUCHANAN.

P. S.—I cherish the name of the dear old State of South Carolina, though I have been away about 38 years, with only one short visit about two years ago.

G. G. B.

## KNOWS HOW TO FARM

SOME VALUABLE LESSONS FROM  
A GOOD FARMERWho Came From Ohio In Search of  
Health and Settled on a North  
Carolina Farm.

Mr. A. L. French recently told a Progressive Farmer reporter, who visited Sunny Home Stock Farm, an interesting story of his success on a North Carolina farm, which the reporter writes up as follows for his paper:

Mr. French finished putting up 60 tons of hay at 6:30 one morning and caught a train at 9 o'clock to begin his institute work. At one of the first institutes, after Mr. French had finished talking, an old man back in the audience arose and said that the speakers were not farmers at all, but men who were talking of something of which they had no practical knowledge. Mr. French's reply was brief and to the point, "I will show fists with you," he said, extending his hand calloused by the toil of the hay field, "and the people who are here can judge which of us has been doing the most real farming lately."

Mr. French's farming might teach some lessons of great profit to many of the men who seem to think they are practical farmers because they have to work so hard to make a living on their farms.

In the first place, Mr. French's farm answers the question, "Can farming be made to pay?" Coming from Ohio eight years ago on account of his health, he bought a place of 240 acres for \$12 per acre. It was overgrown with weeds, briars and bushes except where a hard, poor soil refused to grow anything but poverty grass. Portions were so rocky as to be almost unutilizable. Mr. French now values his farm at \$60 per acre and has refused \$5 for it. This improvement has been made from the farm itself. It has paid its own way.

Mr. French, it seems to us, has also answered the question, "How shall we build up our poor lands?"

We rode over a field that was prepared for corn, deep, loose, mellow and full of humus, good for 50 to 60 bushels per acre. When Mr. French got the farm it is doubtful if the field would have made 10 bushels per acre. We walked through another field where the clover was thick, deep and luxuriant, telling of a profitable crop this year and in the years that are to follow. When Mr. French got the farm much of this field was absolutely barren; and yet he has never applied one bit of commercial fertilizer to it. Indeed, in the eight years on the 240 acres, all of which are cultivated, he has used only \$450 worth of commercial fertilizers, practically all of which was acid phosphate.

This farm has been built up, as we believe many others could be, by the growing and feeding of live stock. Mr. French had on his farm at the time of our visit 60 cattle, 70 head of hogs and about 140 sheep. He expects to fatten 80 to 100 hogs next fall, and he keeps practically the same number of cattle all the time and from 60 to 150 sheep.

Another question to which it seems Mr. French's experience affords a good answer is the question as to what it takes to make a profitable farm. The answer indicated is, "A piece of land and a man who knows how to handle it."

Eight years ago he brought the first two-horse planter into his neighborhood. One of his neighbors, who is himself a very good farmer, came in a few days and saw the machine.

"French," said he, "I have always heard that you Yankees were hard-working people, but it seems to me that you spend most of your time trying to keep out of work." Of course, as a good Southerner, this neighbor would not be outdone by a Yankee, so he had Mr. French to order a two-horse planter for him, and now there are six or seven in his community.

The second year Mr. French was on his farm, his father and mother came down from Ohio to see the place he had bought in the South. His father, who was used to the fertile lands of northern Ohio, went out and looked over the place, then went in the house to tell his wife about it. The wife of Mr. French heard the two old people discussing the farm, and Mr. French, Sr., said sadly, "Mother, I never thought we should ever raise such a fool."

Today this "fool" has a farm which would be an object lesson to thousands of farmers in our territory, he has increased the value of his place many fold, has made a reputation as a breeder of fine cattle, and as a writer and speaker on agricultural subjects. This is what real, sure-enough, intelligent farming along improved lines will do on the poor lands of the South.

## Sunday School Picnic.

The Christian Sunday school will give a basket picnic at Dukes' Fishery on Thursday, July 8th. The public is invited to attend with baskets. Baskets may be left at Mr. L. E. Riley's store, where wagons will transfer picnickers and baskets to grounds, or take direct to grounds. Wagons leave at 9 and 10 o'clock a. m.

## Play at Cameron.

On Thursday evening, July the eighth, the play entitled, "What's Next," will be presented by the local talent of Cameron at the Culler and Rickenbaker hall, and Friday evening at Ellerbe at the graded school hall. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. Come one, come all.

## W. O. W. PICNIC.

A Day That Was Enjoyed by a Very  
Large Crowd.

Cope, S. C., July 2.—Special: According to previous announcement, the big W. O. W. picnic was pulled off at Two Mile Swamp today. At an early hour the crowd commenced gathering and by 11 o'clock an immense throng had assembled from all quarters and sections of the county. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. B. D. Moss, of Norway. The first speaker introduced was Hon. Robt. Lide, head consul. Sovereign Lide is just back from the Sovereign Camp Convention at Detroit, Mich., where he went as delegate from this state. He made a good talk which was well received.

Solitor W. Hampton Cobb, head escort, from Columbia, came next; his speech was full of humor and very interesting. Hon. Tom C. Harner, head advisor, of Bennettsville, was the third. His address was highly entertaining and much enjoyed. These addresses were on Woodcraft, but time will not permit us to give even an outline of their talks.

Congressman A. F. Lever, who was present, was introduced and in his usual pleasing manner highly entertained his hearers for 20 minutes. His address was along fraternal lines.

The speaking was interesting, with delightful music by the Orangeburg Military band. At this juncture dinner was announced. The table, two to three hundred feet long, was laden with every conceivable thing that is good to eat, and, though the crowd was estimated from one to two thousand, there was enough to feed the same number twice. After dinner there was a concert by the band.

This was a great gathering of Woodmen, there being six camps represented and probably several hundred choppers present. The order is very strong and still growing in this section. Every one expressed themselves as having enjoyed the day, nothing occurring to mar the pleasure of any one.

## HOW COWPEAS PAY.

Experiments Show How They Enrich  
the Land.

The Progressive Farmer, published at Raleigh, gives some interesting illustrations of the beneficial results of the growing of legumes.

The North Carolina State department of agriculture found that a crop of burr clover increased the yield of seed cotton 400 pounds per acre and gave a net profit of \$16.

The Mississippi Delta Branch experiment station found that a crop of cowpeas in corn as a result of two years' tests increased the yield of lint cotton 110 pounds per acre, which, with cotton at 10 cents a pound, gives a value of \$11 per acre from a crop of cowpeas grown in corn.

At the Alabama experiment station in four tests the average increase in yield of seed cotton per acre in the year immediately following the plowing of cowpeas and velvet bean vines was 67 pounds.

At this same station one test with corn gave an increase in the first crop where velvet bean vines were plowed in of 81 per cent or 12.2 bushels. When the vines of cowpea and velvet bean were utilized as hay and only the roots and stubble left as fertilizer, the increase in the first succeeding crops were as follows:

208 pounds of seed cotton.  
42 bushels of corn.  
28 bushels of oats.  
6.08 tons of sorghum hay.  
6.7 bushels of wheat.

At another experiment station the yield of corn immediately following a crop of crimson clover was increased from 35.7 bushels per acre to 55.1 bushels, or over 54 per cent.

With these facts and hundreds of other equally convincing before us, asks the Progressive Farmer, why do we buy commercial nitrogen, and why do we not grow more legumes? By the use of the summer legumes for making hay to feed to live stock, and the use of the winter legumes for cover crops to plow under—by these and these alone—that "\$500 more a year" is easily within the reach of the average Southern farmer.

## Death of Mr. Samuel Byrd.

Mr. Samuel Byrd, one of the oldest and best citizens of Branchville, passed away late Monday afternoon, June twenty-eighth, after a lingering illness in the seventy-third year of his age. Mr. Byrd was a gallant soldier during the Confederate war from beginning to end. He had accumulated considerable property. He left no children, but many relatives and friends. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and was a man of Christian character. During his life he held many public offices in the county and was township commissioner at the time of his death.

## Woodmen Picnic.

There will be a joint basket picnic of the W. O. W. and the Woodmen Circle at Providence church on Thursday, July 29th, 1909. Prominent speakers have been invited. A day of profit and pleasure is in store for all who attend. All neighboring camps and circles are cordially invited. Throw aside the cares of the world for one day and mingle with the good people of Providence. A large crowd is expected. There will be a brass band employed for the occasion. Refreshments will be served.

## Registration Closed.

The office of the board of registration was opened on yesterday for the last time. Those who failed to get certificates will have to wait until next election.

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

PICKED UP ALL ABOUT BY OUR  
REPORTERS.What is Happening in the Country  
as Well as in the Cities and  
Towns.

Last Saturday evening was the warmest yet.

We regret to say that the Rev. Davis is still very ill.

Miss Leila Hoffman, of Darlington, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mr. Edison Fairley left Sunday morning for Chester where he goes to stand examination before the State pharmaceutical board.

The warm wave was broken on Monday afternoon, which brought relief to sweltering humanity not only here, but all over the country.

The regular quarterly meeting of the County Board of Commissioners was held yesterday morning in the offices of Messrs. Brantley & Zeigler.

Mr. D. H. Marchant, Jr., left several days ago for Kershaw, where he goes to conduct a big piano sale for the Marchant Music Company of this city.

The Cadet Minstrels pleased the audience which greeted them on last Friday evening. We believe that this is the best amateur minstrel ever put on the road.

Another motor boat has been added to the lot that are now in the river, that of Mr. Cecil Culler, which arrived on Saturday. It is a very pretty one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smoak have left for Asheville where Mr. Smoak goes to attend the meeting of the hardware men. On their way back they will stop at Glenn Springs.

Rev. Z. V. Liles, of Pearsall, Texas, filed the Methodist pulpit Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Rev. Liles is a brother of Messrs. J. T. and E. R. Liles of this city.

The many friends of Mrs. Julius Ahrens will be glad to learn that she is rapidly improving from the recent operation she has undergone at Knowlton's Infirmary in Columbia.

The Winthrop Daughters met and spent a very pleasant time on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Culler. It was decided at this meeting to have a picnic next week.

On Saturday afternoon Misses Sadie Tucker and Mary Copes left for New York where they go to take special courses in Columbia University. They will be gone about three months.

Miss Metzger, who has just finished an engagement at Savannah, is the singer at the Majestic this week. Miss Metzger comes highly recommended as having a No. 1 Mezzo Soprano voice.

A warrant was sworn out against William Annum by Idella Adams before Judge Brunson yesterday morning. The warrant charges Annum with beating Idella Adams. The affair took place on Tyler's place in Zion township.

An alarm of fire was sent in yesterday morning from box 39 and proved to be a small blaze on the roof of a dwelling on Oak street, caused by a defective flue. The East Ends arrived first and put the fire out in short order.

The Editor of The Times and Democrat, accompanied by his wife and little son, left Monday morning for Greenwood. They will go from Greenwood to the Press Association, which will be held at Greenville. They will return to the city about Saturday.

## MARRIED AT WOODFORD.

Nuptials of Miss Hortense Robinson  
and Mr. Willie Sharpe.

Woodford, July 4.—Revival services have been conducted at the Methodist church the past week. The pastor, Rev. T. L. Belvin, has been assisted by Rev. W. S. Goodwin from Ridgeville.